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PAYNE MARYLAND PROJECT UPDATE

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Construction has begun on Phase 1 of the Payne Maryland Community Center and Library. Slowed by the extended wintery snow falls, the excavation crew finally was able to get on site with equipment the week of April 22.

The work began with removing the last soil cover left over the building footing zones. The site quickly began to look like a massive sand box, with piles of soil everywhere.

Construction crews arrived Monday May 10 to begin construction of the footings and utilities. A major milestone was set with the pouring of the first 50 cubic yards of concrete for building footings on May 15. While the photo below doesn't look like a major accomplishment, to the construction crews it represents the launching of the construction.







DUPLEXES AT 680 AND 684 ROSE AVENUE:

The duplexes were purchased by the City last January to make the sites become part of the project. The properties will provide a nice addition to the recreation open area, and will be planted with some trees and turf. There will also be outdoor volleyball courts in area.

The demolition of the duplexes is complete now, and the site has been backfilled to grade. The added space is already making a visual impact on park space.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE CONTROLS:

The construction site is now completely fenced and is closed to the public during construction. Please note that, even though the gates on the former Rose Avenue may be open during construction hours to allow truck traffic, entry into the site is dangerous to both the workers and the pedestrians. For this reason, the public is not allowed on the construction site without special permission.

OSHA regulations require anyone needing to be on site to be wearing a hard hat and high-visibility clothing. Anyone needing access should contact Brian Tourtelotte, the City's project manager, at (651) 266-6414 to request access. If the access is approved, an appointment will be made for a time when you can be accompanied by one of the project team.

PAYNE-PHALEN DISTRICT 5 PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATE:

An update on the project will be delivered to the next meeting of the District 5 Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) committee. That meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2013; for more information contact the District 5 office at (651) 774-5234.